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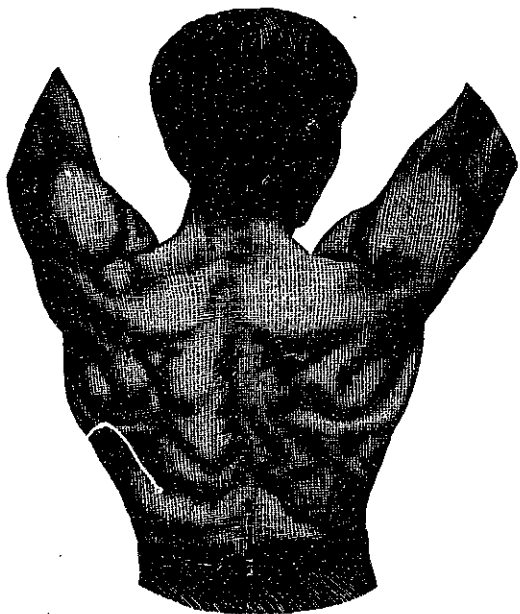
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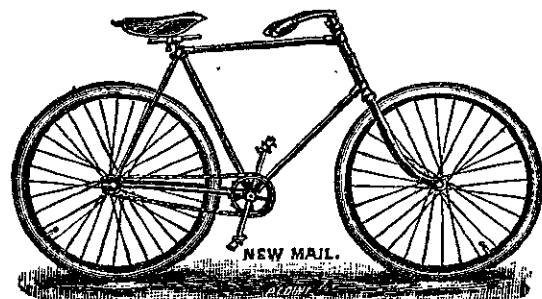
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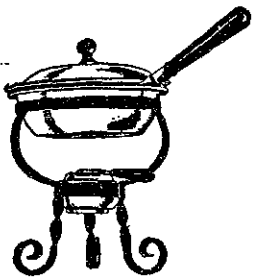
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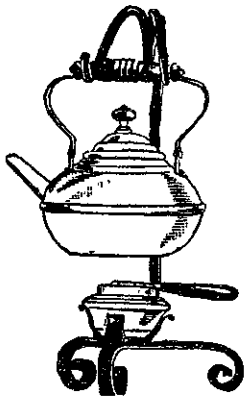
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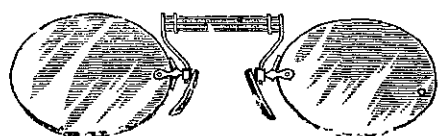
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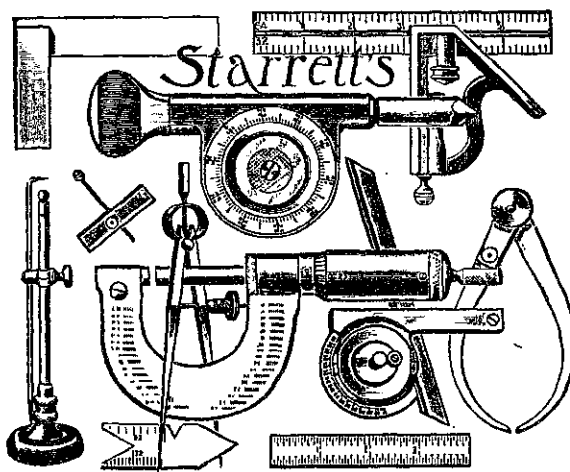
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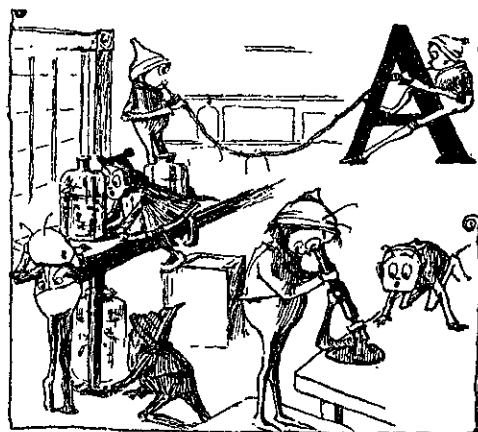
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A STATEMENT on the question of vivisection was published last week by a committee of prominent scientists, medical men, and biologists, including

President Walker, President Eliot, Professor Weir Mitchell, Professor Sedgwick, Doctors Ernst and Minot, and thirty others. It sets forth very strongly the services rendered to medicine by vivisections, and quotes particularly the development of the germ theory of disease and certain methods of treating abnormal pressure of the blood. The necessity of actual illustrations in the teaching of science is touched upon, and the ill-judged excesses of so-called humanitarians deplored.

The opponents of vivisection about Boston have indeed resorted to very questionable methods. A paper has been circulated, headed as follows: "Vote for or against Vivisection. Please indicate your convictions and opinions respecting the subjoined propositions by making an X against each in the 'Yes' and 'No' column. Should unrestrained vivisection be permitted? Should painful vivisection be prohibited? Should all vivisection be prohibited?" A person, however, wishing to vote "No" to all these questions is not allowed to mark the paper at all. Aside from the impropriety of making any public appeal whatever on a scientific question, this is a singular way of obtaining an opinion "for or against." A hearing on the subject of restriction of Vivisection, at which the Institute is represented, is now in progress at the State House, and it is to be hoped that what the scientific circular calls "one of the least wise of the agitations which beset modern society" will be somewhat checked.

THE first call for this year's Track Team will shortly be made, and the men will commence to train at the Gym. Owing to the fact that some of our best athletes left college last June, it will be readily seen that the captain has a hard task before him, that of moulding a championship team out of new material. But this can be done if he receives the hearty support of all Tech. men who believe that the Intercollegiate Meet should be won by M. I. T. this spring.

Two years ago a most glorious victory was gained, and we have since won several team races from other colleges. The team of this year, with such an excellent record behind it, must not suffer defeat at Worcester. Let the

men turn out enthusiastically to help hold up Technology's reputation, and our success in track athletics next June is assured.

THE favorable attitude taken by the faculties of many colleges toward athletic and social events is not always manifest at the Institute. There seems a tendency in certain quarters not only to ignore such affairs, but even to distinctly discourage participation in them. Apparently it is felt that such enterprises in outside affairs are likely to be detrimental to the character of the work done by the students interested in them, and that perhaps Technology may lose some of her prestige as a place "where men go to work and not to play." This view is hardly fair. Such interests need not interfere with regular work; and the men who are foremost on the team and in the committee are often leaders as well in the laboratory and the recitation room.

THE announcement in another column that the French and German societies have joined in a vigorous effort to pay off the debts incurred in giving last year's plays is an encouraging one for two reasons. In the first place it is another step toward re-establishing the credit of the Institute, something which needs to be accomplished very quickly. In this the Baseball Association has set an excellent example. Secondly, THE TECH is glad to hail that spirit of fraternal co-operation between the societies the absence of which was so conspicuous, and so costly, last year.

These debts are not the affairs of L'Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein alone. The plays were undertaken in the interest of the social life of Technology and of the success of Junior Week. It is the credit of Technology which has suffered; and every loyal student should be prepared to help out the disinterested efforts of the men who have taken the matter in hand and the Professors who have promised their services as lecturers. An individual appeal is to be made, we understand, to every student,

and, as the prices for tickets will be low, a general response must be obtained to bring the matter to a successful conclusion.

#### Walker Club Dinner.

THE Walker Club held one of its customary dinners, at Vercellis's, on Thursday, February 27th. The guest of honor was Prof. E. S. Morse, well known about Boston as a Zoologist and a collector of pottery. In the course of his ceramic work he has gathered the largest and most complete set of Japanese ware in the world. His sojourn in Japan gave him an opportunity to study the people, and, being connected with educational institutions in Tokyo, he devoted his attention more especially to the student class. Of this student class he gave, to the twenty members present, a most instructive and interesting talk. He emphasized the great contrast between the respect evinced by Japanese students for their Professors and the apparent flippancy of our college men. His statements regarding the frequency of theft and murder greatly surprised all present on account of the incredible scarcity of both offenses. Several interesting anecdotes were excellently related by the Professor, but owing to the departure of his train he was obliged to leave before finishing his talk. Professor Bates continued where the guest had left off and gave several amusing incidents of Japanese life.

Informal speaking on subjects of general interest consumed the remainder of the evening, which was, as expressed by all, the most pleasant gathering of the year.

#### The Proposed Naval Engineering Bill.

ONE of the most comprehensive measures for the promotion of engineering education that has ever been presented, and one which, if it becomes a law, will bestow its benefits on a great number of scientific schools, colleges, and universities, is the bill now before Congress, which was introduced into the Senate

by Senator Squire, of Washington, and into the House by Representative Wilson of New York. It provides, among other things, for the establishment of a course of instruction in Naval Engineering in the several scientific and technological schools of the United States, and the endowment and support of such courses, as well as the strengthening of the present engineering courses in all such institutions, that they may become fitted to meet the requirements of the naval engineering service. The benefits will not be confined to State institutions, but may be extended to include other colleges and universities.

To aid these schools in establishing and maintaining a course of instruction in mechanical engineering which shall be satisfactory to the National Government, the bill provides that all such institutions which become beneficiaries of this federal aid may obtain, by loan or gift from the Government, such models, plans, or machinery, as can be spared without detriment to the naval service; moreover, all professional and naval literature in the form of monographs and similar publications issued by the Navy Department, shall be furnished free of cost to all students pursuing the accredited course. The Government will also assign professors of naval engineering to give theoretical and practical instruction in the subjects concerned in that department, such instruction to be under the supervision of an Inspector-General of Naval Engineering. The bill also opens appointments to the Engineer Corps of the United States Navy to the graduates from the institutions which become beneficiaries under its provisions.

Although the object of this bill is primarily to provide for the requirements of naval engineering, the entire engineering department of the various schools will be greatly strengthened by the additions to the laboratories, the appointment of an engineer officer to the faculty, and the opening to the graduates of a desirable branch of the Government service.

#### Y. M. C. A. Notes.

At the annual business meeting of the M. I. T. Y. M. C. A. reports of officers and committees were read, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: George I. Fiske, '97, President; Clancey M. Lewis, '99, Vice President; Willard B. Nelson, '98, Recording Secretary; Edward S. Chapin, '98, Corresponding Secretary; and Charles M. Swan, '97, Treasurer.

The total membership of the Association is one hundred and thirteen, of which fifty-one were added last term. Thirty of the latter are Ninety-nine men. Over one thousand handbooks containing interesting and useful information about the city and Institute have been distributed. Information bureaus were conducted at the entrance examinations in June and September. Religious-census blanks were distributed with the handbooks, and of the three hundred and eight students who filled out blanks, one hundred and twelve are church members. The first annual reception to new students was held near the opening of last term. The programme consisted of short addresses, music, and refreshments. The Intercollegiate Secretary, Mr. Robert E. Lewis, aided by the college associations of Boston, prepared a list of reliable lodging houses for the benefit of students. This list proved very useful. It is the purpose of the Association to act as a welcoming body to the incoming class, make the new students acquainted with upper classmen, and locate them in reliable lodging houses. The main thing to be considered this term is the starting of a Student House, where members of the Association may room, and where there shall be a reading room for the benefit of all students in the vicinity. A "Social Bible Circle of Tech Men" met last term and took up a chronological outline of the life of Christ. This term a topical study of the life of Christ will be taken up. All wishing to join or obtain further information will please apply to Mr. H. I. Lord, '98, or Mr. Robert E. Lewis (office at Boston Y. M. C. A.).

The Young Men's Christian Association has been introduced into over five hundred institutions of higher learning, and has over thirty thousand members. There are five college associations in Boston besides our own,—one in each of the three departments of Boston University, one in Harvard Medical College, and one in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The two latter have been recently formed, and the three former were organized at the same time as ours.

### The Freshman Dinner.

IN spite of the fact that the attendance at the Freshman Dinner, held at Young's Hotel the 21st of February, was lamentably small in comparison with the size of the Class, the affair was an unqualified success in every way. The dinner was excellent, the service good, and the menus, which were cut in the shape of small ovals and tied together with the class ribbons, neat and attractive; but what contributed most to the success of the occasion and the enjoyment of everyone, was the spirit of general sociability which was particularly noticeable.

A novel feature of the evening was a short visit from the Class of '94, which was holding a dinner in another part of the hotel, and a short address on behalf of that Class by Mr. Price, who expressed its interest and friendly feelings toward the undergraduates.

When the dinner had been disposed of Mr. Hammond, as President, rose, and after an address in which he spoke of the many difficulties which are always met with in conducting the affairs of a freshman class, introduced the Toastmaster, Mr. Renshaw. After thanking the Class for the honor of presiding over the "most successful dinner ever held by the Class of '99," the Toastmaster presented Mr. Mills, who spoke in an appreciative manner on the subject, "Technology." This was followed by a solo, "Louisiana Lou," by Mr. Johnson, who sang as encores some new

verses on "Maiden Ruth" and also "D'ye Tink I am too Small." Mr. Stebbins then told of "The Girl I Left Behind," after which Mr. Winslow spoke on "Class Loyalty," urging all present to take more interest in Class affairs. A number of humorous incidents connected with the studies of the First Year were related by Mr. Stone, who mentioned some of the things which are being learned "As the Days Roll by."

For the benefit of those who were not well acquainted with the city, Mr. Vogt called attention to some of the features of "Boston (by moonlight)." When the great applause which greeted the Mandolin and Guitar Selections, rendered by Messrs. Lincoln, Addicks, and Sutliff, had subsided, Mr. Addicks spoke on "Grinds and Greenness," giving various examples of the latter. "Our Football Team" was ably responded to by Mr. Riotte, who told of the early discouragements and final triumphs of the team, and closed with a few words in behalf of baseball. "'99," the last subject on the list, was then treated by Mr. Shumaker, who, after giving a brief history of the Class and predicting its future success as a whole, created a great deal of amusement by his prophecies in regard to some of the most prominent members.

After the regular toasts of the evening had been finished a piano solo was given by Mr. Vogt, a Swedish character sketch by Mr. Shumaker, and the Class was entertained with music, songs, stories, etc., by the various members until after midnight.

### "Hic Jacet."

Trembling with cold the blood-red vines appear;  
The souging wind about them grieves.  
The heart of Summer must have broken here,  
For see—'tis life-blood spilled on the leaves.

M. K.

I kissed her hand. She cried aloud,  
"You do not know your place."  
To prove I saw my error  
I quickly kissed her face.

—Brunonian.

## Calendar.

Thursday, March 5th: Meeting of the Geological Society in Room 14, Rogers, at 4.15 P. M.  
 Saturday, March 7th: '98 Class Dinner at Young's Hotel.  
 Meeting of Y. M. C. A. at 12 M.  
 Tuesday, March 10th: Meeting of Biological Society in Room 13, Rogers, at 4.15 P. M.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

*The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.*

## TO THE EDITORS OF THE TECH:—

I should like to endorse the very sensible letter published in your columns last week over the signature "X, '97." The reproof of overstrong, political feeling in the first part of the letter was excellent, though a shrewd observer might have surmised from the latter portion that the writer had, after all, a certain bias of his own. The state of tense, overwrought feeling which sees a plot and a ring in every group of friends or companions is ridiculous. The leaders in Institute affairs are in general, I think, fair and disinterested, and from what I have seen of the class of '98, there is on every side an earnest desire to put the best men in the best positions. Yet one half of the class considers the other half to be made up of treacherous vipers, plotting all sorts of villainy, and the compliment is returned by the other half, in kind. I think that if some of the Fraternity and Non-Fraternity men knew each other better, this foolish jealousy would be done away with, and a spirit of manly confidence would take its place.

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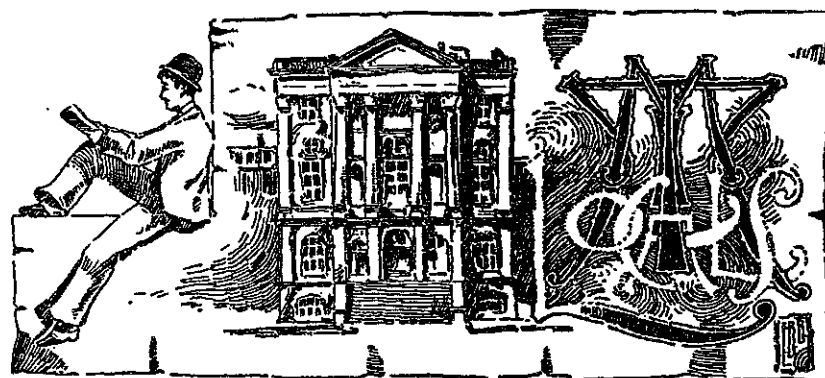
## MY ONE HOPE.

I asked my love one day if she  
 Did really, fondly care for me;  
 Said she: "I cannot answer yes,  
 I only love you second best."

One night I screwed my courage tight,  
 And kissed her in the moonlight bright:  
 Then, almost more than I could stand,  
 She said the kiss was secondhand.

Yet, still my heart one fond hope keeps  
 And thus to me it boldly speaks:  
 "She'll surely have to marry me,  
 For the other will the best man be."

—Yale Record.



The Third Year Problem for design is a "Lecture Hall for a Small Town," due the 24th of March.

The Junior dinner Committee have found it necessary to change the date of the dinner to March 14th. It is to be held at Young's Hotel.

H. W. Chamberlain and A. H. Spahr are competing for the Beaux Arts Society prize; the subject of the design is a "University Clubhouse."

E. C. Emery has been chosen captain of the '98 Baseball Team, and W. G. Zimmerman, manager. All men wishing to try for the team should report at once.

The experiments on the relations of the "X" rays to Bacteria conducted in the Biological Laboratory have thus far led to negative results. They are, however, being continued.

The Boston City Hospital surgeons, with the assistance of Professor Cross of the Institute, have recently been experimenting with the X-rays to determine their value in surgery.

During the vacation Mr. Thayer, '98, and Mr. Steffens, '98, were engaged in making the preliminary surveys for the abolishment of grade crossings in the towns of Melville and Blackstone.

The Chicago Club held a business meeting on Wednesday afternoon, February 26th, at which March 21st was chosen as the date of the next Bohemian dinner. This thriving organization now numbers thirty-four members.

Lieutenant John Baxter, Jr., 9th Infantry, U. S. Army, professor of Military Science

at Brown University, will be succeeded on the 1st of March by Captain C. H. Murray, 4th Cavalry. Both officers were classmates of Captain Bigelow at West Point.

Mr. Maynard Dodd, Chief Electrician of the Cable steamer Minia, and a graduate of the Glasgow Scientific School, visited the Institute last Thursday. The Minia has been engaged in repairing the Atlantic cable, and several instructors and professors from Technology are to examine her apparatus this week.

Of course every man of the battalion wants Tech. to carry off the honors at the inter-collegiate drill. Now is the time to win that contest. Coaching and cramming are of no use in acquiring steadiness, ease, and grace. These qualities count for a great deal with the judges, and can only be realized as the result of constant practice and as matters of habit.

At the recent meeting of the Junior class it was voted to have Junior Week the week following Easter Sunday, the 5th of April, and to have the Junior Promenade on Thursday of that week. It was voted to have a committee of five to arrange for the promenade, and to have this committee chosen by the executive committee. Mr. Le Baron and Mr. Atwood were elected to the board of directors of the Co-operative Society.

At a meeting of a joint committee from L'Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein last week, a plan for raising the debts of the two societies was adopted. Professors Van Daell, Vogel, and Dippold and Mr. Blachstein have volunteered to deliver lectures on literary subjects. The lectures will be given in some room connected with the Institute, and the members of both societies will make strenuous efforts to sell a large number of tickets. Mr. von Holst has been appointed manager.

The K<sub>2</sub>S Society held a dinner at the Thorndike, February 27th. About thirty-

five men were present. The following guests enjoyed the hospitality of the club: Professors Cross, Sedgwick, Hofman, and Lodge, of the Institute, and Professor Carmichael, of Bowdoin. The post-prandial exercises were under the charge of Toastmaster Gage. Professors Cross and Sedgwick, and others spoke on matters of Technology interest.

Professor Bates has been acquiring a wide reputation lately, owing to the discovery of a valuable stamp in the collection which he has been making for his son. It is the only known ten-cent Baltimore stamp. It has the name of James Buchanan printed on the face with an X. below; and this constitutes the bit of paper which has suddenly risen in value from a dollar to two thousand. Stamp collectors from far and near have vied with each other for its possession, and the Professor himself says that he has gained more notoriety on account of his philatelic discovery than from all his literary work. The stamp is to be auctioned in New York about March 15th.

The Civil Engineering Society held its regular meeting Monday evening, February 17th, in Room 12, Rogers. Mr. J. F. Sickman, '98, read a paper describing and explaining the construction of a large masonry dam at Holyoke, Mass. His lecture was illustrated throughout by stereopticon views. Mr. Sickman did not make use of the personal pronoun in his paper, but it is due him to say that he carried on some very important tests in regard to the strength of cements on behalf of the contractors. In the specifications it was required that cement as good as the best English Portland cement should be used. Tests were made with several American and English cements. Various combinations of cement, sand, and water, were used, and the best proportion ascertained. The most important result of the tests was the establishment of the fact that the American cements were superior to the English.



A meeting of the Ninety-Six Class Day Committee was held on Monday, February 24th, for the purpose of organization. Mr. Hurd was made permanent chairman, Mr. Trout, Secretary, and Mr. Manahan, Treasurer. After some discussion, it was resolved that the office of Treasurer should be placed under a bond of two thousand dollars, his accounts to be controlled by the auditors, who shall report to the Class-day Committee every four weeks, the Treasurer making a complete report of all moneys received and expended at each weekly meeting. The following committees were chosen: On Class-day Exercises, Messrs. Hurd, Ames, Rockwell; on Class-day Assembly, Messrs. Ames, Guphill, Thompson; on Entertainment, Messrs. Thompson, Tilley, Locke; on Graduation Exercises, Messrs. Leighton, Locke, Crane; on Baccalaureate Sermon, Messrs. Rockwell, Merrell, Hyde; on Printing and Engraving, Messrs. Hyde, Manahan, Crane; on Decorations, Messrs. Driscoll, Trout, Crane; on Auditors, Messrs. Merrell, Smyser; on Class Day Committee Funds, the chairmen of the several committees.

Professor Mendenhall, President of W. P. I., and formerly head of the United States Coast Survey, lectured before the Society of Arts last Thursday on The Alaska and Northeastern Boundary Line Disputes with England. In his lecture he showed very plainly that a long intimacy on his part with the question of our boundaries has given him a wholesome love of justice, and a firm belief in traditional prerogatives where a boundary line is concerned. Aside from his scientific treatise, he manifested some personal opinions in very positive statements that indicate how deeply he has had the question at heart. "Disputes about boundary lines should not always be settled by arbitration, which too often results in compromise rather than justice." The doctor holds that diplomats should not be allowed to take upon themselves the establishment of lines which involve international

interests, but that men scientifically trained for such work should be chosen; and, furthermore, that the treaty itself should be couched in such terms that intelligent people can at any time understand exactly the purport of the agreement. The privilege of hearing such men as Dr. Mendenhall is one of incalculable value to scientific students.

### Alumni Notes.

The annual dinner of the Class of '94 was held on Friday of last week.

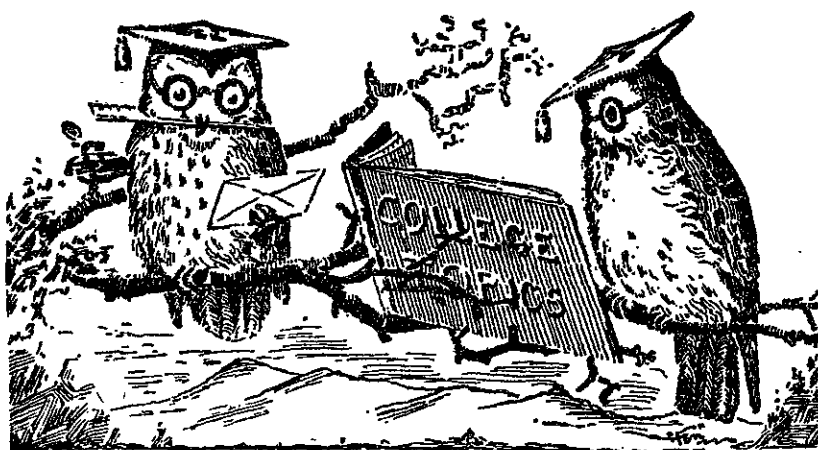
Latimer W. Ballou, '95, now of the Cornell Law School, visited the Institute a few days ago.

One of the first Roentgen photographs received in this country was sent to Professor Sedgwick by A. P. Mathews, '92, who is now studying at Marburg.

Mr. Francis C. Green, Course XI., '95, was in town last week. He is now an assistant in the office of Rudolph Hering, one of New York's foremost Sanitary Engineers.

At the recent dinner of the North Western Association of the M. I. T., the topic for after-dinner discussion was "Recollections of my life at Tech." Twenty-six men, representing thirteen classes, participated in the dinner.

The exhibit of the Institute has been returned from Atlanta in good order. It was stored in the Massachusetts building, and consisted principally of photographs of the buildings and books relating to the courses here. The attendant had some considerable difficulty in preventing the "crackers" from carrying away these photographs to decorate their rooms. A great many graduates visited the exhibit, and the subject of a Southern Alumni Association, with headquarters at Atlanta was broached.



Yale will employ no professional baseball coach this year.

The annual Oxford-Cambridge race will be held on the Putney-Mortlake course, on March 28th.

If the U. S. Golf Association is successful in its efforts there will be started next year an intercollegiate golf contest.

Yale will do nothing more as regards sending a crew to Henley until a favorable decision is reached by the faculty.

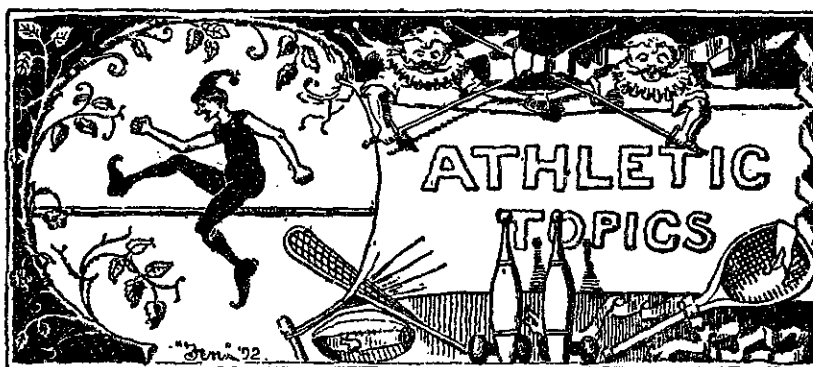
M. H. Murphy, '93, ex-captain of the Yale ball nine, has accepted an offer to play short-stop on the professional team of New Haven.

The only American crew that ever succeeded in beating an English crew on English waters was the Columbia '78 four, which won the Henley regatta.

The Chicago Alumni of Princeton have voted to send a copy of "Princeton stories" with a book of Princeton views to every preparatory school in Illinois.

The track committees of Pennsylvania and Cornell will hold a conference at New York on February 29th, to consider the advisability of a two-year agreement for dual track and field sports.

The University of Chicago and Columbia have agreed to have two debates—the first to take place at New York during the week of April 19, 1896; the second to be held in Chicago during the month of April, 1897.



Harvard will hold invitation games May 9th.

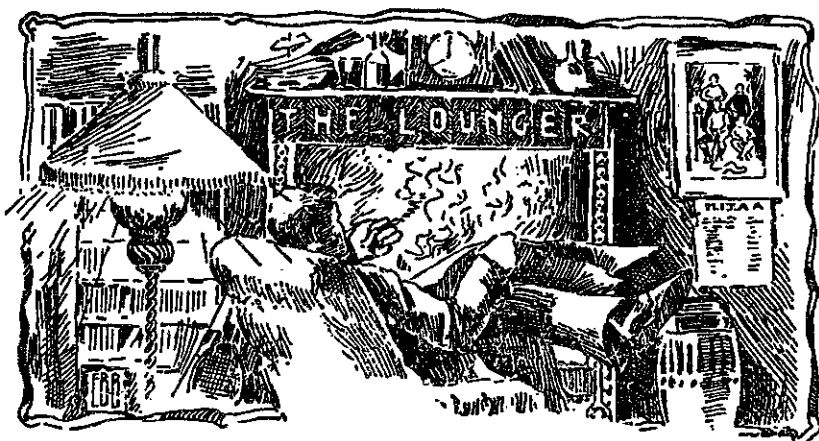
All candidates for the '98 Baseball Team should hand in their names and the positions they wish to try for, to W. G. Zimmerman, '98.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Club, Messrs. Allen and Ferguson were appointed as a committee on the Annual Scratch Games.

According to the constitution of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, A. W. Grosvenor, '98, will be debarred from competing at Worcester in the spring meeting.

The 'Varsity team will be weakened greatly this spring as Rockwell, Hurd, and Grosvenor will not compete. Their loss will be felt mostly in the sprints, hurdle and quarter mile events.

The seventeenth Annual Scratch Games of the M. I. T. Athletic Club will be held in the Gymnasium on Saturday evening, March 14th, at 8 o'clock. The eight events are as follows: 40-yard hurdle race (3 hurdles, 3½ feet high), potato race (8 potatoes 2 yards apart), fence vault, putting 16-pound shot, 35-yard dash, pole vault, running high jump, and 35-yard dash (novice). Handsome first, second and third prizes will be given in each event. Entries close March 9th and should be sent to Mr. H. P. Beers. An entry fee of fifty cents for each event must accompany entry. Entries should be made on N. E. A. A. U. entry blanks.



AN interesting development of the fever of honesty which appears to have broken out in so virulent a form, is that which has caused the lion and the lamb to lie down together,—*videlicet*, L'Avenir and Der Deutsche Verein to stretch out to each other the fraternal hand; although it will be favorably noticed that the Lounger, with his customary regard for the feelings of others, has omitted to state in this case which society represents which animal.

Nothing, indeed, but the pressure of dire necessity and the importunity of heartless creditors could have brought about this most desirable *status quo*. It will be remembered that a somewhat pleasant excitement was furnished last year during the second semester (credit for this word to be given to editorial in the last number of THE TECH) by the antics of these rivals and of Monsieur in particular, who must miss the joy of the fray which offered so excellent an opportunity for revenging the wrongs of 1870. Perhaps for the members of the societies such necessary excitement is now furnished by the meetings of the joint committee, where must reign scenes of wild and terrific confusion, from the thundering reverberations of the German verbs, the short, sharp fire of French pronouns, and the *mezzo voce* accompaniment of solid English cuss words. "La Herr is dehors de l' Ordnung! Votre plan me semble sehr bien gewesen être," and so on.

These polyglot rencontres doubtless prove sufficiently invigorating to the participants. But since they are performing a worthy work, the Lounger has no comments to offer except those of hearty praise.

Careful readers of the Lounger's weekly disquisitions will corroborate him in his statement that he has ever regarded the Class of Ninety-eight as a perfect exemplar of shrinking modesty, persistent self-repression, and incurable diffidence. In view of the Lounger's sentiments upon the subject, he may be pardoned for not expressing surprise at the bashfulness

evinced by various members of that class relative to their candidacy for "Technique" positions. As far as diligent inquiry has been able to disclose, there is not one man in the whole class who would think of accepting a position on the "Technique" Board; not one, in fact, whose temerity extends so far as to permit him to even think of thinking of it.

If anyone will devote a moment's thought to this he will discover that, if a strict construction be put upon these unanimous denials, it leads to the melancholy but irresistible conclusion that since no man in Ninety-eight is willing to accept an election to the Board, the class must either go without a "Technique," or secure the services of professional editors. Of course this conclusion is based on a senseless premise, is developed on idiotic lines, and has about it an air of general mendacity. The Lounger would say, however, as is wholly evident, that he has drawn the above conclusions merely to show Ninety-eight the remarkable result which would follow if only the statements of her sober-minded members were interpreted with some degree of strictness. The Lounger has no desire to see any aspirants going about placarded with loud announcements of their candidacy, but it has seemed to him that a modest and truthful answer to the question now uppermost in the Sophomore mind would do much to diminish the confusion now so painfully evident.

The mention of "Technique" reminds one, of course, of that preliminary clash at the polls which is the overture, so to speak, of the "Technique" drama, suggestive, perhaps, after the Wagnerian mode, of the dull rumbling of the printing press three acts further on. No one would insinuate that it is for the best interests of the book that its editors be chosen not in the heat of a political campaign. Indeed, the more fervid the excitement which it is possible to stir up, so much the more brilliantly may the Annual be expected to shine.

This, of course, is a most senseless view to take, but it is the one, nevertheless, with which the men of Ninety-eight seem to have opened the "Technique" campaign, for seldom before has the Lounger heard so many lugubrious tales of political woe.

The editor with gladsome cry,  
Exclaims, "My work is done."  
The manager with weary sigh,  
Complains, "My work is dun."

—College Life.



### Query.

Have they been with the flowers all winter,  
Or south with the birdies to sing?  
No?  
O, then where in the world *do* they come from—  
All these poets who *poe* in the spring?

M. K.

### TO ME SWEETHEART.

Me dere, let me giv yer a pointer;  
I'm honest dead stuck on yer phiz,  
An' I'd like to write somethen real hefty,  
But dat ain't jes' my line o' biz.

Yer mug is as sweet as dey make 'em,  
Der fellers all tink yer a Peach;  
But de ninny wat's tryin' ter win yer,  
Had better keep out er me reach.

Fer dey can't no bloke chase wid me Mary,  
Widout risk er losin' 'is head.  
I've got de hot cinch, an' I'll keep it,  
An' dat ain't no lie, on de dead.

Yer ain't told me yet dat yer luv'd me.  
Don't I wish dat yer would? Holly Gee!  
I t'ink dat me heart would jes' bust, fer  
I luv yer ter beat de band. See?

—Oberlin Review.

One thing I know,  
I know I love you;  
'Twere hard to say just how I know—  
None told me so.

—The Mount Holyoke.

### A QUESTION OF DIET.

"Marning, parson,—yaas, we's had er glor'us crop,  
'Nd that's why I'm so airly. Wife says, 'Pop,  
Git up some of them best taters, 'nd take  
'Em deown ter Parson Breown, jest so's ter make  
'Is life er little happier, 'cause yer know  
Heow he said in ther pulpit Sunday ago,  
That *commun taters* don't agree 'ith him.'  
So parson, these be our best, s'all we c'n do,  
'Nd if these 'ere ones agree 'ith you,  
We all 'll give thanks 'ith th' sirry-phim."

—Brunonian.

### A SERIOUS LOVE SPELL.

A young lady sings in our choir  
Whose hair is the color of phoir,  
But her charm is unique,  
She has such a fair chique  
It is really a charm to be nhoir.

Whenever she looks down the aisle  
She gives me a beautiful smaisle;  
And of all her beaux  
I am certain she sheaux  
She likes me the best all the whaisle.

Last Sunday she wore a new sacque,  
Low-cut at the front and the bacque,  
And a lovely bouquet,  
Worn in such a cute wuet  
As only few girls have the knacque.

Some day, ere she grows too antique,  
In marriage her hand I shall sique;  
If she's not a coquette,  
Which I'd greatly regruette,  
She shall share my six dollars a wique.

—L. A. W. Bulletin.

### SLEEP.

Drop downward the curtain  
Of thy fair eyes,  
We'll sail out under  
The starry skies.

By shores that are lit with  
A moon that's low,  
And down the dark river  
Of Sleep we'll go,

Till we come to that wonderful  
Island green  
No eye hath beheld, yet  
Where all hath been.

'Tis the land of Dreams, the  
Country ideal,  
Where all seemeth joy, but  
Nothing is real.

—Yale Courant.

### FRANKNESS.

He asked me how I liked his watch,  
To speak out and be candid;  
I told the truth. He took offense:  
I said 'twas *second-handed*.

—Trinity Tablet.

### WHY IT IS BETTER.

'Tis better to have loved and lost,  
The poet sings in plaintive rhyme.  
Of course it is, for then you can  
Make love again some other time.

—Tiltonian.



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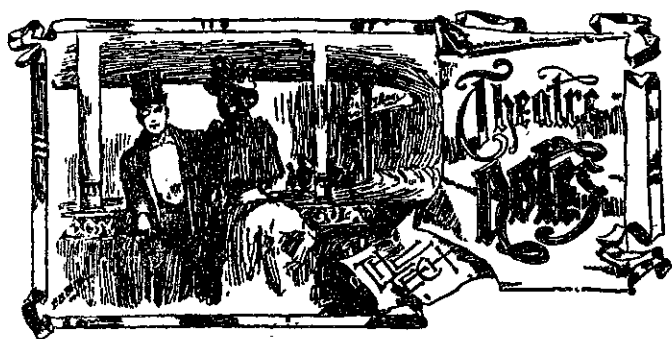
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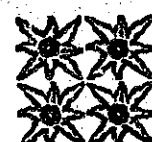
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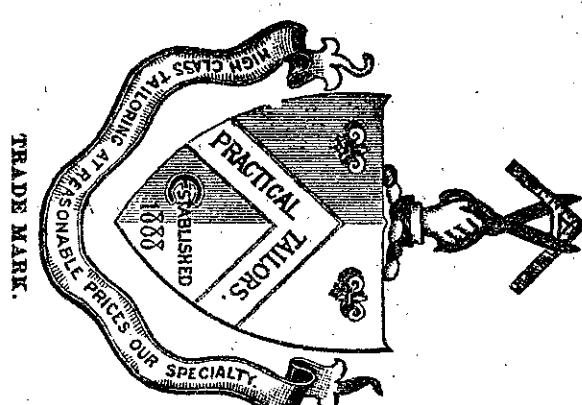
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